

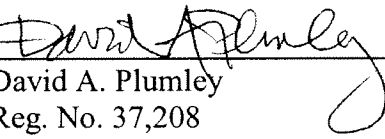
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Final Rejection dated July 18, 2007, the examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious over Horie (JP 2003-142157). However, applicant has amended independent claims 1, 6, 10 and 14 to recite that the polyether modified silicon oil has a viscosity of less than 10cSt at 25°C. Horie fails to teach or suggest such a feature. Despite the examiner's assertion to the contrary, Horie does disclose a viscosity for the siloxane derivatives, i.e. a viscosity of 5000cSt at 25°C. See paragraph 0019. In contrast, independent claims 1, 6, 10 and 14 recite a viscosity of less than 10cSt at 25°C. The viscosity recited in the present claims helps to actively move lithium ions, thereby preventing fading of lithium ion conductivity. Given the drastic differences in viscosity between the compounds disclosed in Horie and those recited in the present claims, independent claims 1, 6, 10 and 14 are not obvious over Horie. Remaining claims 2-5, 2-9, 11-13 and 15-17 depend from one of independent claims 1, 6, 10 and 14, and are therefore also allowable over Horie.

Claims 1 and 3-17 remain pending in this application. By this amendment, applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 10 and 14, and has canceled claim 2. In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that all of pending claims 1 and 3-17 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests a timely indication of allowance. However, if there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, applicant invites the examiner to contact applicant's counsel at the number indicated below.

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